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C.O.Ms. No. 2400 Dated 28th July 1953.

Read the following:--

From the Director of Harijan Welfare, Madras No. A. 610/52, Agency, dated 13-2-1953.
From the Inspector General of Police, Madras, No. Fee. 264/JA/53 dated 20-3-1953.
From the Board of Revenue, Madras No.D.P.Rg. No. 2238 Dated 23-3-1953.

ORDER:

The Director of Harijan Welfare, Madras recommended the following concessions to the hill tribes in the Agency Areas for a period of ten years:--

(i) Arms licenses may be sent to the hill men by registered post instead of through the Revenue officials.
(ii) Arms licences may be granted free of fee.
(iii) Applications for arms licenses may be exempted from payment of Court fee.
(iv) The licensees may be granted a grace period of one month to get the licenses renewed.
(v) The licensees may be supplied with M.L. guns free of cost from out of the confiscated firearms at the rate of one or two guns to licensees in each village to enable them to protect cattle and crops.

2. The Government have examined the recommendations and pass the following orders:--

Concession (i)-- As the tribal folk may not be able to give their correct addresses in their application for gun licences and there will be more than one village with the same name in the Agency areas, the delivery of the licences by registered post might cause delay or sometimes they might be lost in transit. The Government therefore consider that it would be better from the point of view of safety if the licences are delivered to the applicants through the Taluk Magistrate as hitherto who will arrange for the delivery of licences to the parties expeditiously.

Concession (ii)-- If the hill tribes actually require weapons only for protection of crops and cattle from wild animals, they require licences in Form XIX of the Indian Arms Rules, 1951 for which no fee is leviable.

Concession (iii)-- The Government are not prepared to accept the recommendation of the Director of Harijan Welfare as the amount involved (viz. two annas) is trivial.

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Concession (iv)-- No provision exists at present in the Indian Arms Act or Rules to allow a grace period of one month for getting arms licenses renewed. Instructions are however being issued that in the case of hill tribes in Agency areas no prosecution under the Arms Act need be launched in cases where renewal of license has been applied for before its expiry.

Concession (v) As it is reported that the hill tribes mostly use bows and arrows Government consider that no concession in regard to free supply of confiscated guns to hill tribes is necessary.

3. The Collectors of East Godavari, West Godavari, Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam are requested to issue urgently strict instructions to the Taluk Magistrates concerned to arrange for the expeditious delivery of arms licenses which are sent through them after renewal to the hill tribes in agency areas. They are also requested to observe strictly the decision of Government in para 2(iv) above.

(By order of the Governor of Madras)

I.J. NAIDU,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To
The Director of Harijan Welfare, Madras.
The Inspector General of Police, Madras.
The Board of Revenue, Madras.
The Collectors of East Godavari, West Godavari, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam.
Copy to Rural Welfare Department.
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M Keeshavamurthy
Superintendent.

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